

Kentucky Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission
Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2004
Brown-Forman Room, Kentucky History Center
Frankfort, KY
11:30 am-1 pm

Present: Jim Wallace, John Downs, Senator Katie Stine, Jim Claypool, Jim Mallory, Kim Smith, Suzanne Shearer, Jan Williamson, Jim Holmberg, David Carter, Kate Hesseldenz, and Chuck Backus

Jim Holmberg began the meeting with introductions. The minutes from July and September were approved. (Note: Change Sept. minutes. Department of Travel is now Department of Tourism).

The Treasurer's Report was passed out. Jim Holmberg said money is pending for brochure.\$10,000. Jim Mallory said he needs to submit a report to NPS. We need to file an interim report before we get the \$10,000. The last of the Highway Marker money has been committed; the money is in Trail Heritage.

Budget: Katie Stine asked about the amount of money we are asking for from the state. Jim Mallory said \$50,000 per year. The breakdown needs to go to the Commerce Cabinet. Suzanne Shearer said Jim Host is very interested in the Commission. It was suggested that Secretary Fox and Secretary Host sit down and discuss it, because the support of the cabinet secretaries will help.

Highway Markers: Kim Smith asked Jim Holmberg and Jim Mallory about the timing of the markers, when was the earliest they wanted them. Jim Holmberg and Jim Mallory said there was nothing pressing. Jim Mallory asked Kate Hesseldenz when the latest markers will be dedicated. Kate Hesseldenz said Spring 2005. The Commission will apply for another four.

Trail Extension Update: Jim Mallory said the bills were in the house and senate last year. On the House version of the bill, the language changed and was attached to another bill. The Senate bill was a clean bill, the language was not changed. The trail extension bill had deleted sections, so that the Fort Clatsop bill could go forward. Currently, we do not have a bill, but it should go forward in the next session. Jim Bunning's language will stay on this. The changed bill would have been "Landmark status" but not trail extension. The Fort Clatsop bill added three sites in Washington and Oregon (including Ft. Clatsop National Memorial) to become the Lewis & Clark National Historical Park. This will help the story. Jim Mallory said we have made friends in the West. Katie Stine asked if we are getting support from the Western folks for the next bill. Jim Mallory said he hadn't asked for it yet, but he will when the time comes. The trouble was with California. Our bills didn't ask to buy more properties. We are not asking for money. We just wanted

to be on the trail and get signs put up. Signs cost \$100. Each state has to pay for their own signs. We do not want Federal money. We are asking for State money.

Brochure: David Carter asked about the brochure's purpose. The brochure will go to schools, welcome centers, etc. It will be an educational piece. Suzanne Shearer thought that combining education with events would be a good way to go, getting kids to come to an event. Katie Stine said she could include the brochure in a packet she gives out to kids that visit the Capitol. Senator Stine said she thought every legislator would likely do the same.

2006 Plans: Jim Holmberg asked if anyone had 2006 plans. Jim Holmberg said the Filson Historical Society hadn't actually decided yet, but they are planning on doing something. Maybe another exhibition. Jim Holmberg said he is talking to the Lewis and Clark Trail in order to schedule the Corps II exhibit. They said they are interested. Louisville, Lexington, Frankfort, and Cumberland Gap would be obvious choices for Kentucky. Jim Mallory said we write a formal letter to do this. David Carter thought we needed to have an event already planned, then the planners would be more likely to bring the exhibit back. 30,000 school kids went through it in Louisville in 2003. Suzanne Shearer said that they have a committee that is working on things like this. Katie Stine suggested Big Bone Lick as a possible place to hold an event. Suzanne Shearer also suggested that someone attend a Convention and Visitors Bureau meeting, maybe someone could speak on behalf of the Commission about Lewis and Clark. Suzanne Shearer said someone could possibly speak at the tourism conference on Oct. 25 in Northern Kentucky. Chrystie Keenan or Mary Hammond will be at conference and they could possibly speak about Lewis and Clark at the upcoming Kentucky state tourism conference.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be in January. It might be a lunch time meeting. Legislators start at 1:30 pm. so Kate Hesseldenz will check the LRC schedule to set up a date and time.